

Biography: Fiona Gibson

Fiona was born and brought up in north London and, after leaving school, studied for a BEd (Hons) in History and Education at Homerton College, Cambridge, before becoming a primary school teacher. Alongside classroom teaching she was a member of the school leadership team, Teacher Tutor to newly qualified teachers, Teacher Governor, and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, having obtained a postgraduate diploma in Special Educational Needs Management. Fiona anticipated remaining in education until retirement, but God had other plans.

Moving from teaching, Fiona became lay children's minister at her home church, overseeing the church's provision for children aged 0-10 and working with the church school. While she was in that role she was challenged to consider going forward for ordination. Following selection she trained full-time for four years at Oak Hill College in north London, studying for an MTh in Theological and Pastoral Studies, having been identified as a potential theological educator.

Fiona was ordained deacon in 2011 and priest in 2012. She served her curacy at Christ Church Bedford in the Diocese of St Albans and an incumbency in the rural parishes of Cople, Moggerhanger, and Willington in Bedfordshire, also in the Diocese of St Albans. She was a member of the Diocesan Synod and contributed to the life of the Diocese in various other ways. She carried on theological studies alongside her ministry and holds a PhD in Divinity from the University of Aberdeen. Her doctoral thesis was on the subject of *acedia* (one of the Seven Deadly Sins) or, as she often puts it, "the sin you've probably never heard of but are almost certainly committing!"

Fiona became Archdeacon of Ludlow in the Diocese of Hereford in April 2021 and a Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral in May 2021. As well as her archidiaconal duties, Fiona chaired the Hereford Diocesan Board of Education. She also enjoyed participating in the civic life of the county of Shropshire, representing the Diocese of Hereford. Outside the Diocese she chaired The Junia Network (a group supporting ordained evangelical Anglican women) until July 2025 and was a member of the General Synod, chairing some Synod debates and serving as Chair of Revision and Steering Committees.

Fiona is married to David, who works in financial services, and they have two adult children. When she's not working, Fiona enjoys reading, playing board games, listening to podcasts, walking, taking photographs, and wild swimming.